GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:38
ANSWERED ON:06.07.2004
PEACE TALKS ON KASHMIR ISSUE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hold talks with Hurriyat and other groups active in J&K;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the stand of the Government on militancy in J&K;

(d) whether militant activities in J&K have increased in the recent past;

(e) if so, the number of incidents took place during 2003-04 and till date;

(f) the number of Pare Military Jawans/Civilians/Tourists injured/killed in each such incident;

(g) the number of militants arrested/killed during the said period;

(h) the details of the central teams visited after such incidents; and

(i) the steps taken by the Government to check militant activities in J&K?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (i): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY (a) TO (i) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 38 FOR ANSWER ON 06-07-2004.

(a) and (b): Yes Sir, Government intends to pursue a dialogue with all groups and with different shades of opinion in Jammu & Kashmir on a sustained basis, in consultation with the democratically elected State Government.

(c): The Government has been following a multi-pronged approach in dealing with terrorism and bringing in peace in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. The major prongs of the strategies, inter-alia, include (i) strengthening border management and pro-active action against terrorists with J&K (ii) accelerating the economic development and (iii) remaining open to pursue a dialogue with all groups and different shades of opinion in the State on a sustained basis, in consultation with the democratically elected State Government.

(d): During the first five months of the current year, the incidents of terrorist violence has gone down by 12% in comparison to the same period in the previous year.

(e) to (g): The comparative figures for the year 2003 and 2004 (up to June 15) as reported by the State Government are given below:-

	Year 2003	Till June 15, 2004
Incidents	3401	1224
Civilians killed	795	328
Civilians injured	1546	757
Tourists killed	-	5
Tourists injured	-	17
CPMF Jawans killed	258	105
Jawans injured	814#	355#
Militants killed	1494	455
Militants arrested	434	99

= Includes personnel J&K Police, Special Police Officers and

Village Defence Committee members.

(h): Central teams have been visiting the state frequently to review the security situation. Four visit were made after major incidents during this period. One visit by the Central team took place in 2003 while three such visits have taken place so far in 2004.

(i): The Government, jointly with the State Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism particularly in Jammu & Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening border management and multi-tiered and multi modal deployment along International Border/LOC and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, use of improved technology, weapons and equipments by security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration, pro-active action against the terrorists within the State etc.

The counter terrorism efforts are reviewed from time to time.